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FDC-8120  
Self-Tune Fuzzy / PID  
Process Temperature Controller

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# Model: FDC-8120 Instruction Manual

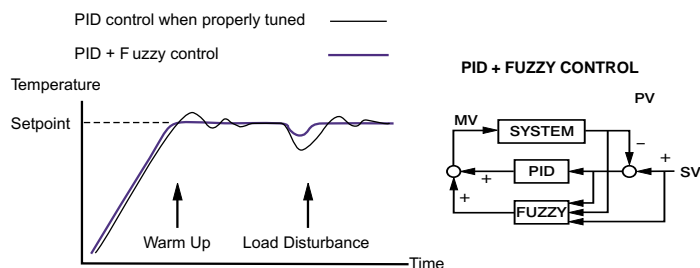
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## 1. INTRODUCTION

This manual contains information for the installation and operation of the Future Design model FDC-8120 Fuzzy Logic micro-processor based controller.

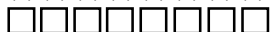
The Fuzzy Logic is an essential feature of this versatile controller. Although PID control has been widely accepted by industries, yet it is difficult for PID control to work with some sophistic systems efficiently, for examples systems of second order, long time-lag, various setpoints, various loads, etc. Because of disadvantage of controlling principles and fixed values of PID control, it is inefficient to control the systems with plenty of varieties, and the result is obviously frustrating for some systems. The Fuzzy Logic control can overcome the disadvantage of PID control, it controls the system in a efficient way by experiences it had before. The function of Fuzzy Logic is to adjust the PID values indirectly in order to making the manipulation output value MV adjusts flexibly and quickly adapt to various processes. By this way, it enables a process to reach its predetermined setpoint in the shortest time with minimum overshooting during tuning or external disturbance. Different from PID control with digital information, the Fuzzy Logic is a control with language information.



In addition, this instrument has functions of single stage ramp and dwell, auto-tuning and manual mode execution. Ease of use is also an essential feature with it.

## 2. NUMBERING SYSTEM

Model No.- (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6) (7) (8)



(1) Power Input

4	90-264VAC
5	20-32VAC/VDC
9	Other

(2) Signal Input

5	Configurable (Universal)
9	Other

(3) Range Code

1	Configurable
9	Other

(4) Control Mode

3	PID/ON-OFF Control
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(5) Output 1 Option

0	None
1	Relay rated 3A/240VAC Resistive
2	SSR Drive rated 20mA/24V
3	4-20mA linear, max. load 500 ohms (Module OM93-1)
4	0-20mA linear, max. load 500 ohms (Module OM93-2)
5	0-10V linear, min. impedance 500K ohms (Module OM93-3)
9	Other

(6) Output 2 Option

0	None
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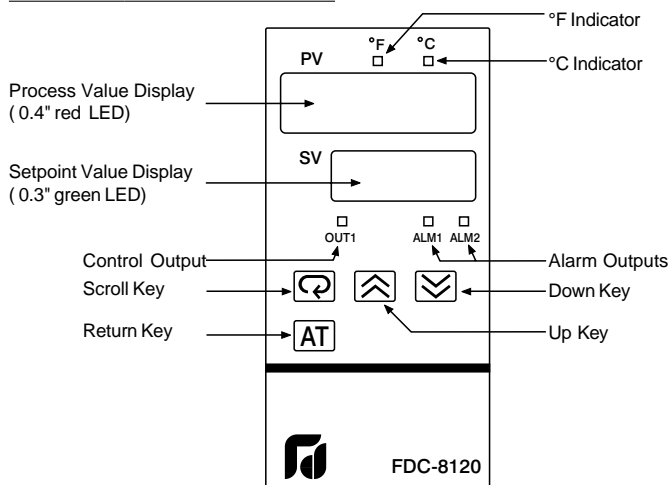
(7) Alarm Option

0	None
2	Dual relay rated 2A/240VAC resistive
9	Other

(8) Communication

0	None
1	RS-485
2	4-20mA retransmission
3	0-20mA retransmission
9	Other

## 3. FRONT PANEL DESCRIPTION



## 4. INPUT RANGE & ACCURACY

IN	Sensor	Input Type	Range (°C)	Accuracy
0	J	Iron-Constantan	-50 to 999 °C	±2 °C
1	K	Chromel-Alumel	-50 to 1370 °C	±2 °C
2	T	Copper-Constantan	-270 to 400 °C	±2 °C
3	E	Chromel-Constantan	-50 to 750 °C	±2 °C
4	B	Pt30%RH/Pt6%RH	300 to 1800 °C	±3 °C
5	R	Pt13%RH/Pt	0 to 1750 °C	±2 °C
6	S	Pt10%RH/Pt	0 to 1750 °C	±2 °C
7	N	Nicrosil-Nisil	-50 to 1300 °C	±2 °C
8	RTD	PT100 ohms (DIN)	-200 to 400 °C	±0.4 °C
9	RTD	PT100 ohms (JIS)	-200 to 400 °C	±0.4 °C
10	Linear	-10mV to 60mV	-1999 to 9999	±0.05%

## 5. SPECIFICATIONS

### INPUT

**Thermocouple (T/C):**

type J, K, T, E, B, R, S, N.

**RTD:**

PT100 ohm RTD ( DIN 43760/BS1904 or JIS )

**Linear:**

-10 to 60mV, configurable input attenuation

**Range:**

User configurable, refer to Table above

**Accuracy:**

Refer to Table above

**Cold Junction Compensation:**

0.1 °C / °C ambient typical

**Sensor Break Protection:**

Protection mode configurable

**External Resistance:**

100 ohms max.

**Normal Mode Rejection:**

60dB

**Common Mode Rejection:**

120dB

**Sample Rate:**

3 times / second

### CONTROL

**Proportion Band:**

0-200 °C ( 0-360 °F )

**Reset ( Integral ):**

0-3600 seconds

**Rate ( Derivative ):**

0-1000 seconds

**Ramp Rate:**

0-200.0 °C / minute ( 0-360.0 °F / minute )

**Dwell:**

0-3600 minutes

**ON-OFF:**

With adjustable hysteresis ( 0-20% of SPAN )

**Cycle Time:**

0-120 seconds

**Control Action:**

Direct ( for cooling ) and reverse ( for heating )

### POWER

**Rating:**

90-264VAC, 50/60Hz

**Consumption:**

Less than 5VA

### ENVIRONMENTAL & PHYSICAL

**Operating Temperature:**

-10 to 50 °C

**Humidity:**

0 to 90% RH ( non-condensing )

**Insulation:**

20M ohms min. ( 500 VDC )

**Breakdown:**

AC2000V, 50 / 60Hz, 1 minute

**Vibration:**

10-55Hz, amplitude 1mm

**Shock:**

200 m / s<sup>2</sup> ( 20g )

**Net Weight:**

240 grams

**Housing Materials:**

Poly-Carbonate Plastic

**Safety:**

UL, CSA, CE

## 6. INSTALLATION

### 6.1. DIMENSIONS & PANEL CUTOUT

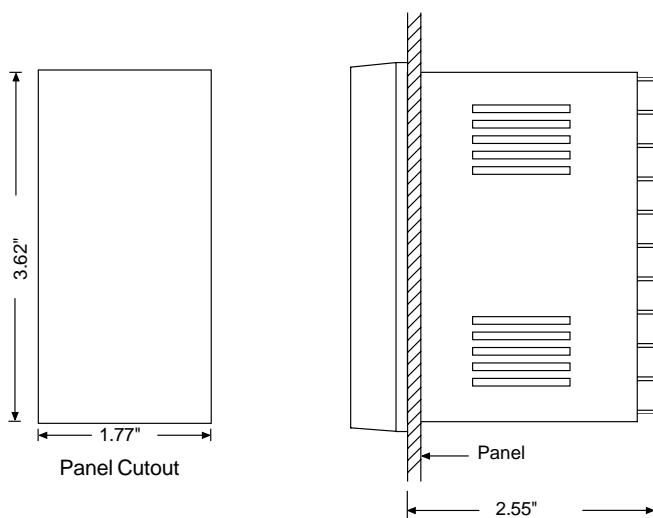
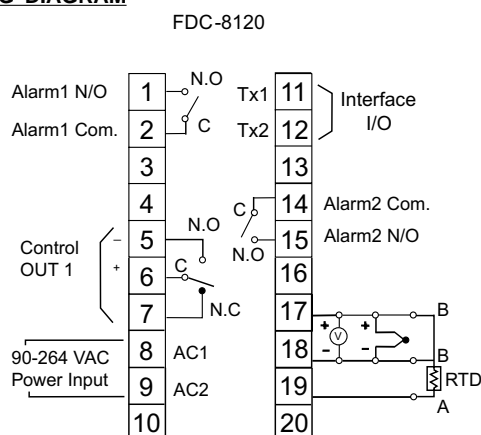


Figure 6.1. Mounting Dimensions

### 6.2. WIRING DIAGRAM



## 7. CALIBRATION

**Note:** Do not proceed through this section unless there is a genuine need to re-calibrate the controller. All previous calibration data will be lost. Do not attempt recalibration unless you have available appropriate calibration equipment. If calibration data is lost, you will need to return the controller to your supplier who may apply a charge for re-calibration.







Prior to calibration ensure that all parameter settings are correct (input type, °C / °F, resolution, low range, high range).

1. Remove sensor input wiring and connect a standard input simulator of the correct type to the controller input. Verify correct polarity. Set simulated signal to coincide with low process signal (e.g. zero degrees).
2. Use the Scroll Key until the "LCAL" appears on the PV Display. (Refer to 8.2.)
3. Use the Up and Down Keys until the SV Display represents the simulated input.
4. Press the Return Key for at least 6 seconds (maximum 16 seconds), then release. This enters the low calibration figure into the controller's non-volatile memory.
5. Press and release the Scroll Key. "HCAL" appears on the PV Display. This indicates the high calibration point.
6. Increase the simulated input signal to coincide with high process signal (e.g. 100 degrees).
7. Use the Up and Down Keys until the SV Display represents the simulated high input.
8. Press the Return Key for at least 6 seconds (maximum 16 seconds), then release. This enters the high calibration figure into the controller's non-volatile memory.
9. Turn power off the unit, remove all test wiring and replace sensor wiring (observing polarity).

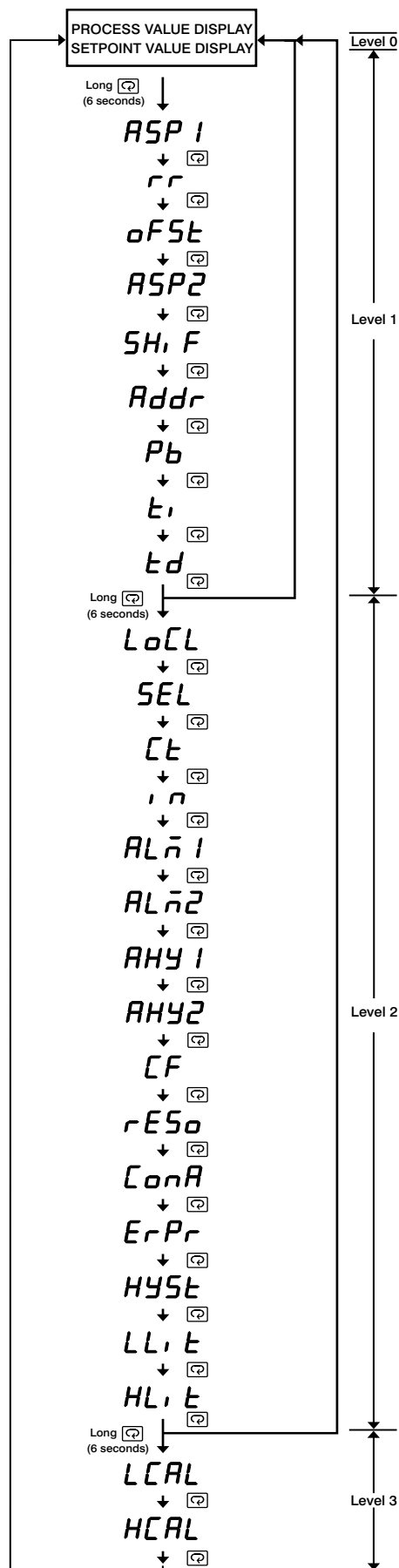
## 8. OPERATION

### 8.1. KEYPAD OPERATION

\* With power on, it has to wait for 12 seconds to memorize the new values of parameters once it been changed.

TOUCHKEYS	FUNCTION	DESCRIPTION
	Scroll Key	Advance the index display to the desired position. Indexes advanced continuously and cyclically by pressing this keypad.
	Up Key	Increases the parameter
	Down Key	Decreases the parameter
	Return Key	Resets the controller to its normal status. Also stops auto-tuning, output percentage monitoring and manual mode operation.
Press  for 6 seconds	Long Scroll	Allows more parameters to be inspected or changed.
Press  for 6 seconds	Long Return	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Executes auto-tuning function</li> <li>2. Calibrates control when in calibration level</li> </ol>
Press  and 	Output Percentage Monitor	Allows the set point display to indicate the control output value.
Press  and  for 6 seconds	Manual Mode Execution	Allows the controller to enter the manual mode.

## 8.2 FLOW CHART



## 8.3. PARAMETER DESCRIPTION

INDEX CODE	DESCRIPTION ADJUSTMENT RANGE	** DEFAULT SETTING
<b>SV</b>	Setpoint Value of Control * Low Limit to High Limit Value	Undefined
<b>ASP1</b> <b>ASP2</b>	Alarm Setpoint Value * Low Limit to High Limit Value. (if $ALn1$ for $ALn2=0, 1, 4$ or $5$ ) * 0 to 3600 minutes (if $ALn1 = 12$ or $13$ ) * Low Limit minus set point to High Limit minus set point value (if $ALn1$ or $ALn2 = 2, 3, 6$ to $11$ )	200 °C
<b>rr</b>	Ramp Rate for the process value to limit an abrupt change of process (Soft Start) * 0 to 200.0 °C (360.0 °F) / minute (if $i n = 0$ to $9$ ) * 0 to 3600 unit / minute (if $i n = 10$ )	0 °C / min.
<b>oFSt</b>	Offset Value for Manual Reset (if $t_i = 0$ ) * 0 to 100%	0.0%
<b>SH, F</b>	Offset shift for process value * -111 °C to 111 °C	0 °C
<b>Addr</b>	Address Code for Digital Transmission * 0 - 31 : For Digital Transmission	0
<b>Pb</b>	Proportional Band * 0 to 200 °C (set to 0 for on-off control)	10 °C
<b>t<sub>i</sub></b>	Integral (Reset) Time * 0 to 3600 seconds	120 sec.
<b>t<sub>d</sub></b>	Derivative (Rate) Time * 0 to 1000 seconds	30 sec.
<b>LoCL</b>	Local Mode 0: No control parameters can be changed 1: Control parameters can be changed	1
<b>SEL</b>	Parameter Selection (allows selection of additional parameters to be accessible at level 0 security) 0: None 1: $ASP1$ 2: $rr$ 3: $oFSt$ 4: $ASP1, rr$ 5: $ASP1, oFSt$ 6: $rr, oFSt$ 7: $ASP1, rr, oFSt$ 8: $ASP2$ 9: $ASP1, ASP2$ 10: $ASP2, rr$ 11: $ASP2, oFSt$ 12: $ASP1, rr, ASP2$ 13: $ASP1, oFSt, ASP2$ 14: $ASP2, rr, oFSt$ 15: $ASP1, rr, oFSt, ASP2$	0
<b>Ct</b>	Proportional Cycle Time * 0 to 120 seconds	Relay 20 Pulsed Voltage 1 Linear Volt/mA 0
<b>i n</b>	Input Mode Selection 0: J type T/C 1: K type T/C 2: T type T/C 3: E type T/C 4: B type T/C 5: R type T/C 6: S type T/C 7: N type T/C 8: PT100DIN 9: PT100JIS 10: Linear Voltage or Current (Note: T/C - Close solder gap J3, RTD - Open J3)	T/C 0 RTD 8 Linear 10
<b>ALn1</b> <b>ALn2</b>	Alarm Mode Selection 0: Process High Alarm 1: Process Low Alarm 2: Deviation High Alarm 3: Deviation Low Alarm 4: Inhibit Process High Alarm 5: Inhibit Process Low Alarm 6: Inhibit Deviation High Alarm 7: Inhibit Deviation Low Alarm 8: Outband Alarm 9: Inband Alarm 10: Inhibit Outband Alarm 11: Inhibit Inband Alarm 12: Alarm Relay OFF as Dwell Time Out 13: Alarm Relay ON as Dwell Time Out (12 & 13 only available with alarm 1)	0
<b>AHY1</b> <b>AHY2</b>	Hysteresis of Alarm 1 * 0 to 20% of SPAN	0.5%
<b>CF</b>	°C / °F Selection 0: °F, 1: °C	1
<b>rES0</b>	Resolution Selection 0: No Decimal Point 1: 1 Digit Decimal 2: 2 Digit Decimal 3: 3 Digit Decimal (2 & 3 may only be used for linear voltage or current $i n = 10$ )	0
<b>ConA</b>	Control Action 0: Direct (Cooling) Action 1: Reverse (Heat) Action	1
<b>ErPr</b>	Error Protection Output 1 Alarm 1 Alarm 2 0: OFF OFF OFF 1: OFF ON OFF 2: ON OFF OFF 3: ON ON OFF 4: OFF OFF ON 5: OFF ON ON 6: ON OFF ON 7: ON ON ON	1
<b>HYS</b>	Hysteresis for ON/OFF Control * 0 to 20% of SPAN	0.5%
<b>LL, t</b>	Low Limit of Range	-50 °C
<b>HL, t</b>	High Limit of Range	1000 °C
<b>LCAL</b>	Low Calibration Figure	0 °C
<b>HCAL</b>	High Calibration Figure	800 °C

NOTES: \* Adjusting Range of the Parameter

\*\* Factory settings. Process alarms are at fixed temperature points. Deviation alarms move with the setpoints value.

## 8.4. AUTOMATIC TUNING

1. Ensure that controller is correctly configured and installed.
2. Ensure Proportional Band 'Pb' is not set at '0'.
3. Press Return Key for at least 6 seconds (maximum 16 seconds). This initialises the Auto-tune function. (To abort auto-tuning procedure press Return Key and release).
4. The Decimal point in lower right hand corner of PV display flashes to indicate Auto-tune is in progress. Auto-tune is complete when the flashing stops.
5. Depending on the particular process, automatic tuning may take up to two hours. Processes with long time lags will take the longest to tune. Remember, while the display point flashes the controller is auto-tuning.

NOTE: If an AT error (**ALtEr**) occurs, the automatic tuning process is aborted due to the system operating in ON-OFF control (PB=0). The process will also be aborted if the setpoint is set to close to the process temperature or if there is insufficient capacity in the system to reach setpoint (e.g. inadequate heating power available). Upon completion of Auto-tune the new P.I.D. settings are automatically entered into the controller's non-volatile memory.

## 8.5. MANUAL P.I.D. ADJUSTMENT

Whilst the auto-tuning function selects control settings which should prove satisfactory for the majority of processes, you may find it necessary to make adjustments to these arbitrary settings from time to time. This may be the case if some changes are made to the process or if you wish to 'fine-tune' the control settings.

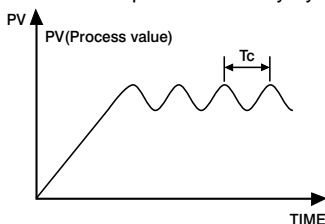
It is important that prior to making changes to the control settings that you record the current settings for future reference. Make slight changes to only one setting at a time and observe the results on the process. Because each of the settings interact with each other, it is easy to become confused with the results if you are not familiar with process control procedures.

### TUNING GUIDE

Proportional Band	
Symptom	Solution
Slow Response	Decrease PB Value
High Overshoot or Oscillations	Increase PB Value
Integral Time (Reset)	
Symptom	Solution
Slow Response	Decrease Integral Time
Instability or Oscillations	Increase Integral Time
Derivative Time (Rate)	
Symptom	Solution
Slow Response or Oscillations	Decrease Deriv. Time
High Overshoot	Increase Deriv. Time

## 8.6. MANUAL TUNING PROCEDURE

- Step 1: Adjust the integral and derivative values to 0. This inhibits the rate and reset action
- Step 2: Set an arbitrary value of proportional band and monitor the control results
- Step 3: If the original setting introduces a large process oscillation, then gradually increase the proportional band until steady cycling occurs. Record this proportional band value (Pc).
- Step 4: Measure the period of steady cycling



Record this value (Tc) in seconds

Step 5: The Control Settings are determined as follows:

Proportional Band (PB) = 1.7 Pc  
 Integral Time (TI) = 0.5 Tc  
 Derivative Time (TD) = 0.125 Tc

## 8.7. RAMP & DWELL

The FDC-8120 controller can be configured to act as either a fixed setpoint controller or as a single ramp controller on power up. This function enables the user to set a pre-determined ramp rate to allow the process to gradually reach setpoint temperature, thus producing a 'Soft Start' function.

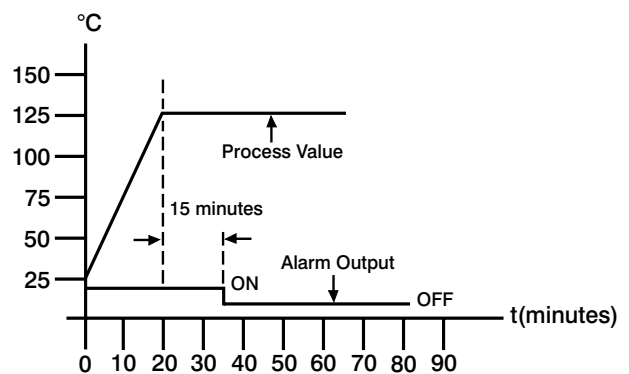
A dwell timer is incorporated within the FDC-8120 and the alarm relay can be configured to provide either a dwell function to be used in conjunction with the ramp function.

The ramp rate is determined by the **r r** parameter which can be adjusted in the range 0 to 200.0 °C/minute. The ramp rate function is disabled when the **r r** parameter is set to '0'

The soak function is enabled by configuring the alarm output to act as a dwell timer. The parameter **ALn I** needs to be set to the value 12. The alarm contact will now operate as a timer contact, with the contact being closed at power up and opening after the elapsed time set at parameter **ASP I**

If the controller power supply or output is wired through the alarm contact, the controller will operate as a guaranteed soak controller.

In the example below the Ramp Rate is set to 5°C/minute, **ALn I** = 12 and **ASP I** = 15(minutes). Power is applied at zero time and the process climbs at 5°C/minute to the setpoint of 125°C. Upon reaching setpoint, the dwell timer is activated and after the soak time of 15 minutes, the alarm contact will open, switching off the output. The process temperature will eventually fall at an undetermined rate.



The dwell function may be used to operate an external device such as a siren to alert when a soak time has been reached.

**ALn I** need to be set to the value 13. The alarm contact will now operate as a timer contact, with the contact being open on the initial start up. The timer begins to count down once the setpoint temperature is reached. After the setting at **ASP I** has elapsed, the alarm contact closes.

## 9. ERROR MESSAGES

Symptom	Cause (s)	Solution(s)
<b>ALn I</b>	Sensor break error	Replace RTD or sensor Use manual mode operation
<b>LLEr</b>	Process display beyond the low range setpoint	Re-adjust <b>LLI t</b> value
<b>HLEr</b>	Process display beyond the high range setpoint	Re-adjust <b>HLI t</b> value
<b>AHEr</b>	Analog hybrid module damage	Replace module. Check for outside source of damage such as transient voltage spikes
<b>ALtEr</b>	Incorrect operation of auto tune procedure Prop. Band set to 0	Repeat procedure. Increase Prop. Band to a number larger than 0
<b>oPEr</b>	Manual mode is not allowable for an ON-OFF control system	Increase proportional band
<b>CSEr</b>	Check sum error, values in memory may have changed accidentally	Check and reconfigure the control parameters

## 10.0 COMMON FAILURE CAUSES

### Common Failure Causes and Corrective Actions

Symptom	Probable Causes	Corrective Actions
1) Keypad no function	-Bad connection between PCB & keypads	- Clean contact area on PCB - Replace keypads
2) LED's will not light	- No power to instrument - Power supply defective	- Check power line connections - Replace power supply board
3) Some segments of the display or LED lamps not lit or lit erroneously.	- LED display or LED lamp defective - Related LED driver defective	- Replace LED display or LED lamp - Replace the related transistor or IC chip
4) Display Unstable	- Analog portion or A-D converter defective - Thermocouple, RTD or sensor defective - Intermittent connection of sensor wiring	- Replace related components or board - Check thermocouple, RTD or sensor - Check sensor wiring connections
5) Considerable error in temperature indication	- Wrong sensor or thermocouple type, wrong input mode selected. - Analog portion of A-D converter defective	- Check sensor or thermocouple type and if proper input mode was selected - Replace related components or board
6) Display goes in reverse direction ( counts down scale as process warms )	- Reversed input wiring of sensor	- Check and correct
7) No heat or output	- No heater power ( output ), incorrect output device used - Output device defective - Open fuse outside of the instrument	- Check output wiring and output device - Replace output device - Replace output fuse
8) Heat or output stays on but indicator reads normal	- Output device shorted, or power service shorted	- Check and replace
9) Control abnormal or operation incorrect	- CPU or EEPROM ( non-volatile memory ) defective. Key switch defective - Incorrect setup values	- Check and replace - Read the setup procedure carefully
10) Display blinks; entered values change by themselves	- Electromagnetic interference ( EMI ), or Radio Frequency interference ( RFI ) - EEPROM defective	- Suppress arcing contacts in system to eliminate high voltage spike sources. Separate sensor and controller wiring from " dirty " power lines, ground heaters - Replace EEPROM

## 11.0 T/C COLOR CODES

### Thermocouple Cable Color Codes

Thermocouple Type	Cable Material	British BS	American ASTM	German DIN	French NFE
T	Copper ( Cu ) Constantan ( Cu-Ni )	+ white - blue * blue	+ blue - red * blue	+ red - brown * brown	+ yellow - blue * blue
J	Iron ( Fe ) Constantan ( Cu- Ni )	+ yellow - blue * black	+ white - red * black	+ red - blue * blue	+ yellow - black * black
K	Nickel-Chromium ( Ni-Cr ) Nickel-Aluminum ( Ni-Al )	+ brown - blue * red	+ yellow - red * yellow	+ red - green * green	+ yellow - purple * yellow
R S	Pt-13%Rh,Pt Pt-10%Rh,Pt	+ white - blue * green	+ black - red * green	+ red - white * white	+ yellow - green * green
B	Pt-30%Rh Pt-6%Rh	Use Copper Wire	+grey - red * grey	+red -grey * grey	Use Copper Wire

\* Colour of overall sheath

Notes: